











BIPOC NATURE NETWORK

October 9, 2024

Quarterly Trails Forum

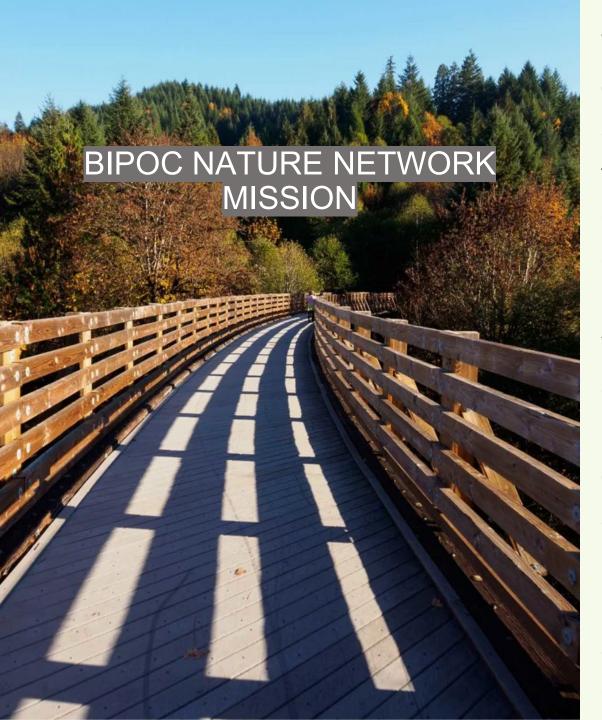


Who are we?

 Established by way of the Oregon Trails Coalition with funding from Metro

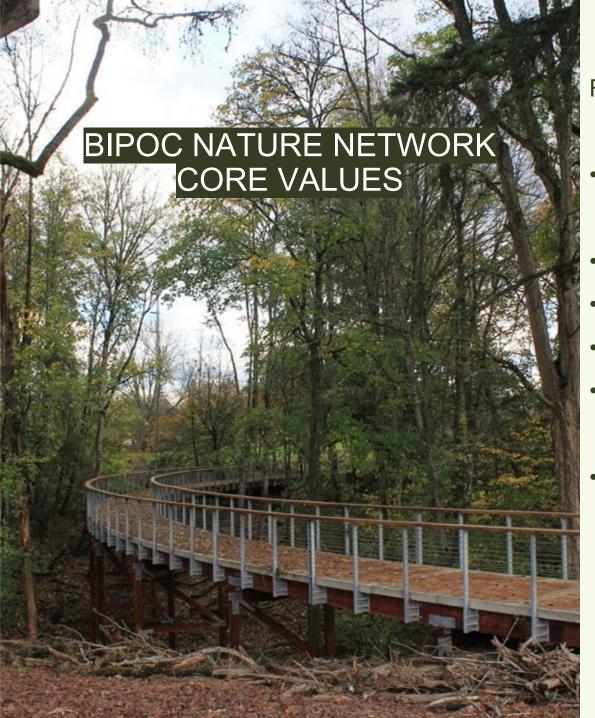
Current Members

- Joy Chang, Co-Chair, Champion
- Matt Ruddy, Co- Chair, Trailkeepers of Oregon
- Mel Huie, Champion
- Pam Slaughter, PDX People of Color Outdoors
- Anita Yap, Multicultural Collaborative
- Will Cortez, BikePOC PNW
- Ahmed Yusuf, City of Portland Parks & Rec
- Michael Yen, Knot Studio
- Greg Wolley, Creating Tomorrow's Workforce
- Ariadna Falcon Gonzalez, Getting There Together
- You 2



The BIPOC Nature Network was created to reconnect ourselves to the land and the earth. Centuries of colonialism and capitalism have intentionally separated People of Color from their ancestral roots. We seek to empower BIPOC communities in reconnecting to nature through trails and outdoor recreation.

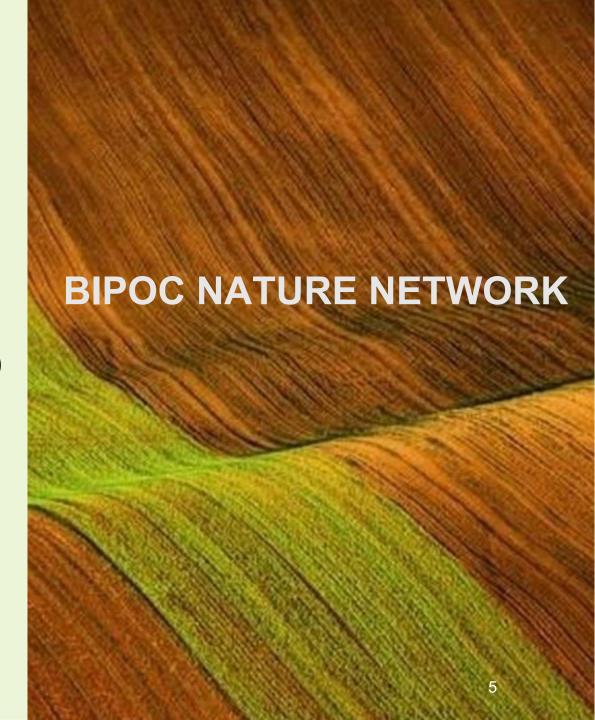
We are seeking ways to contribute to ongoing efforts while expanding opportunities for advocacy and strengthening **networks for greater awareness**. We strive to create a diverse and welcoming environment where all individuals can safely enjoy and contribute to the natural world. The BIPOC Nature Network acknowledges the work and labor of a wide range of people and organizations. We believe that our strength is contributing to ongoing efforts and continually connecting coalitions.



Fundamental **Core Values** for the BIPOC Nature Network:

- Representation (Trail Planning, Management, and Decision-Making Processes)
- Fostering connections with people and nature
- Respect for the history of land and culture
- Strong, supportive networks and partnerships
- **Empowering communities** with leadership opportunities and equitable involvement
- Changing systems that, intentionally or unintentionally, exclude diverse people from the outdoors

- Oregon Trails Coalition Webpage -(Presence - Mission/Values)
- Facebook (Networking Events/Announcements)
- Instagram (Future Photos/Media)





DIVERSE TRAIL CHAMPIONS

- 10 Internships to Diverse Youth in cooperation with their organizations and/or individually
- Youth ages 18 to 22
- Focusing on outdoor recreation and trail mentorship
- Nov Dec: Position Descriptions and applications co-created with BNN.
- January March: Applications open, recruitment, selection
- April August: Service
- August September: Project Reporting & Future Partnership Planning



UPCOMING EVENTS

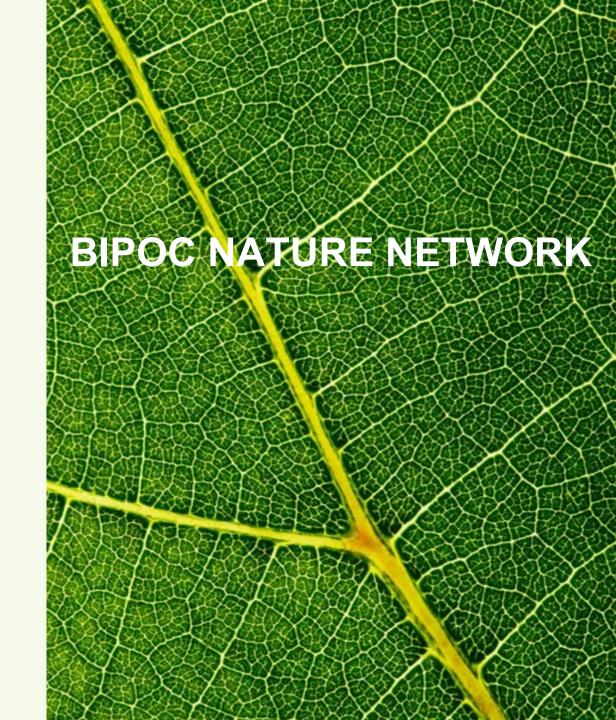
BIPOC AFFINITY LUNCHEON OUTDOOR RECREATION SUMMIT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 SUNRIVER RESORT

THANK YOU

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Light Rail Line

• ~ 2 mile, 12-Foot wide, flat, paved path.

- Connects Rockwood, Civic and Downtown Commercial Centers.
- Runs next to the light rail line.



Regional Connector

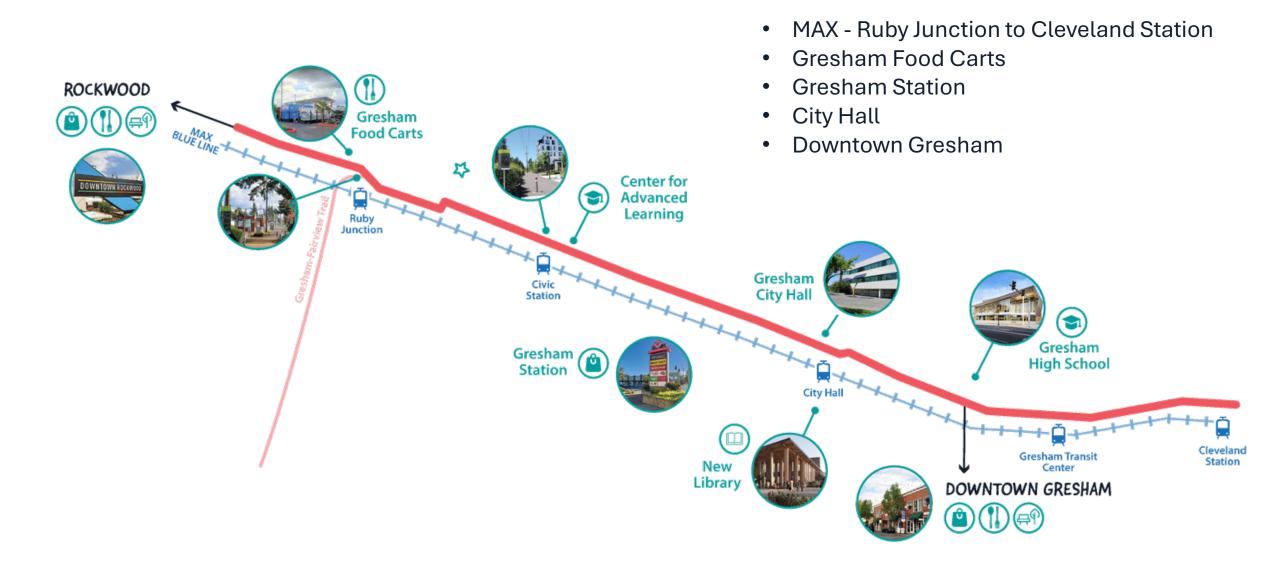








Local Connections



























Vision

- Meaningful engagement, collaboration, and co-creation of a shared vision of trail amenities alongside residents.
- A safe, enjoyable, and inclusive space that feels welcoming and reflective of everyone in our community a legacy for all to enjoy.

Community-designed trail amenities that contribute to:

- Quality of life.
- Healthy activities.
- Social connections.
- Access to nature, housing, jobs, transportation.
- A sense of safety, welcome and belonging.

Why Now?

- Rockwood: Completion of City development project that includes jobs, housing, international cuisine food hall/marketplace.
- Civic Neighborhood: New 95,000 SF County flagship library & master planning visioning.
- Downtown: Thriving local business hub/additional residential developments/master planning vision.

Trail Activation Concepts



Safety



Signage & Wayfinding



Activation



Community & Cultural Art



Seating & Comfort



Lush Habitat



Stormwater



Amenities

Project Considerations

- Center relationships: Collaborative rather than transactional approach
- Promote transparency: Mindfulness of community lens-accountability, transparency, trust, relationship building.
- Create value for external partners/residents: avoid repetitive engagements/community/CBO overload.
- Minimize negative impact and burden to residents: Ensure community-focused value.
- Diverse representation: Consider the everyday experiences and priorities of our residents.
- Think from the resident's perspective: Coordinate/leverage existing related resources.

Community Building

- Gresham Senior Center
- School District
- Gresham Historical Society
- WeBelong PDX
- P:ear- Bike works
- Bikes 4 Humanity
- Latino Network
- Slavic Community Center
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- NARA NW
- Center for Advanced Learning

- Lewis and Clarke Montessori School
- PSU Urban Design Studio assessment
- Mult Co REACH
- Tri-Met
- One on ones with community members
- Civic Academy workshop 10/8
- Partnering with other Depts to leverage resources
- EngageGresham.org
- Community events

Timeline

PHASE 1

Community Engagement

Funded by Metro 2040 Grant

Summer/Fall 2024:

- Building Connections within community.
- Gathering experiences, ideas on what amenities residents would like to see on the trail.
- Installation of smaller, collaborative projects with community (ex: plantings, small play features, art, etc.)

PHASE 2

Larger Amenity Funding/Installation

Will need to seek funding once list is determined

Fall/Winter 2024:

Prioritize larger projects with community & seek funding.

Spring 2025:

Installation/construction.

Summer 2025:

Celebrate shared accomplishments/showcase new amenities.

Continue ongoing





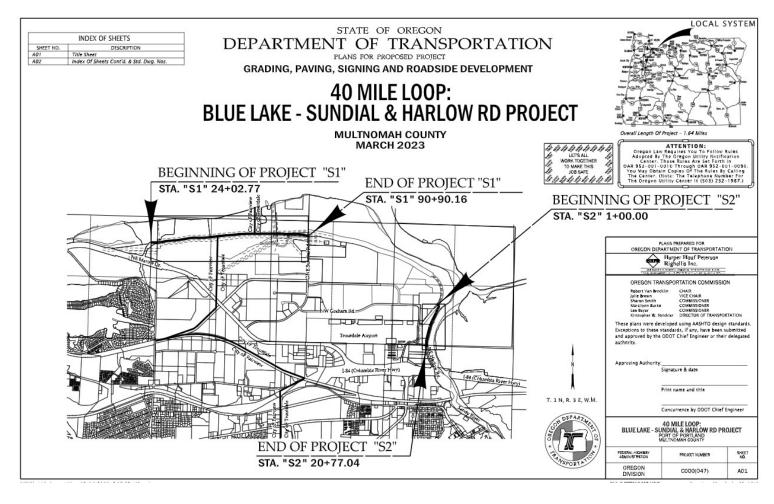
Ch'ak Ch'ak/40 Mi. Loop Trail Project Update

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Location & Background



Many Partners, Many Years, Many \$ Sources



Recent Trail Images



223rd Terminus Looking East



Harlow Rd. Section Looking South



Harlow Rd. Terminus Looking North

Questions?